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ENGLEBRIGHT MAPS PLANS TO AID MINING

Congressman Harry L. Englebright, Republican whip of the House of Representatives, left for Washington this afternoon. He was accompanied by Mrs. Englebright and their son Jackson. Englebright is the first man this side of the Mississippi River to be chosen for the honor or party whip. He was obliged to leave early in order to participate in conferences with the Republican leaders prior to the opening of Congress after the first of the year.

At this session Congressman Englebright will urge an appropriation for construction of hydraulic mining dams on the American, Bear and Yuba Rivers. During this summer, under an appropriation of $95,000 that he obtained at last session of Congress, plans and surveys have been made for the construction of hydraulic mining dams on these streams. It is expected that a favorable report of the U. S. Army Board of Engineers will be sent to Congress early in the session.

Mr. Englebright will also make an effort to liberalize the regulations of the RFC with reference to loans for the development of gold mines. The present regulations are very restrictive and it has been quite difficult for smaller mining companies to qualify under present regulations.

He has alarge program outlined for Federal road development throughout the district and also for construction of roads and trails in the forest reserves for fire protection and for development of mining regions.

He stated that the present price of gold will not be lowered inasmuch as it would cause great economic disturbances. The whole credit system and business activities of the nation are based upon a gold price of $35 per ounce. However, it is possible that in the future the price of gold will be advanced to the full provisions of the law which would give a price of $41.34 per ounce. This advance depends to a great extent upon the credit and economic conditions of the country.

Congressman Englebright personally made a lone fight for the President to remove the embargo on gold so as to make it possible for mine owners and mining men to receive the advance from $20.67 to $35.

He will also have many problems to deal with in regard to the agricultural administration as affecting fruit and livestock farmers.

He has a wide program of improvement for Yosemite, Lassen, Volcanic National Parks, the Lava Beds, and Death Valley National Monuments.

Mr. Englebright will take an active part in the progress in developing various airports of the district. He hopes to bring about further improvements in the Nevada City airport. The local airport is in a strategic position to be developed for U. S. army uses in as much as it is on a direct line between Mather Field near Sacramento and the great army bombing base at Secret Valley in Lassen county.

SERA PAY DAY JUST IN TIME FOR XMAS

The work projects that have been carried on, in and about North San Juan for the past month, have brought returns to the workers to the amount of $1,000 and pay day coming just before Christmas is a happy event. Many of those working on the projects were "sniping" on the river as long as weather permitted but this was not remunerative enough to allow any savings for the winter months.

The Nevada City Fire Department basketball team will play the champion quintette of the Roseville City League next Saturday evening at Armory hall. The game will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

NONOGENARIAN COMES FROM CANADA ON VISIT

Coming all the way from Canada and wearing the gold earring that stamped him as a sailor in his youth, Wilbrod Laderau, of British Columbia, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with his son and family. Owing to a misdirected special delivery letter, Mr. Laderau found no one waiting for him.

Carrying himself like a soldier and looking not more than 60 years old, he made inquiries and ascertained where his son lived. Mrs. Steve Lako provided a car and kindly carried the old gentleman to the son's home just this side of Town Talk. He thanked his guide courteously and said he would be down to see the Lako family soon. Asked if he would have a car to make the trip, he answered: "No, I will walk." It then developed that Mr. Laderau is just two months over 95 years old.

TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL XMAS TREE DEC. 26TH.

The Episcopal Sunday school Christmas tree and program will be held in the church on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. The program has been prepared by Mrs. Clem Davis and Mrs. Doris Anderson. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Here is the full program for the evening:

Organ prelude, Hark the Herald Angels Sing; Tableau, Away in a Manger with the following characters: Mary Katherine Davis, Joseph. Leland Smith, Wise Men, Dick Gregory, Billy Wagner and Warren Smith. Silent Night, Erik Anderson.

Lord's Prayer, Christmas Prayer. Hymn, O, Come All Ye Faithful, first and third verses, by school. Welcome, Marjorie Deal; Santa Claus, Fay Williams. The Star, Betty Rore. The Greatest Gift, Elsie Schreiber; Hang Up Christmas Stocking, Ann Stevenson; A Bundle is a Funny Thing, Vincent Lewis; Christmas, Sylvia Roning; Santa's Job, Joyce Deal; A Riddle, Bob Williams; Christmas Greetings, Lucille Danos; Song, Away in a Manger, Dolores Poole and Jacqueline Deal.

Santa Claus is Coming, Patty McGuire; December, Leland Smith; The Silver Star, Juanita Williams; Song, Jingle Bells, Glenn Poole; Jack and Jill, Nancy Lou Maguire; Hymn, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, school; The Whole World is a Christmas Tree, Marilyn Anderson; Special Selection, Neta Anderson; The Christmas Thoughts, Marilyn Lee; Remarks, Rev. Charles Washburn; Song, O' Christmas Tree, Fair Christmas Tree, entire school; The Christmas Gifts.

Closing Hymn, O, Little Town of Bethlehem, Organists, Mrs. Oakley Johns and Miss Gertrude Sawyer.

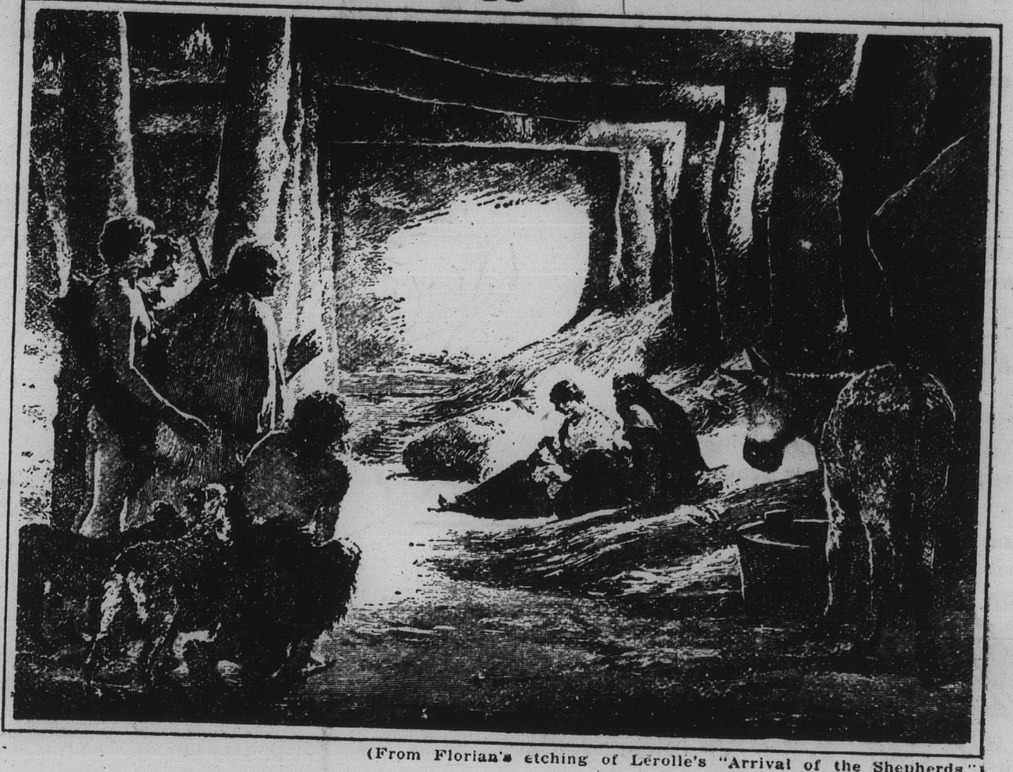
PHONE CALL TO MOTHER ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Mrs. Annie Godfrey has received a message from her son Dalbert W. Godfrey, mining engineer with the Gold Hill Mining Company, Baguio, Philippine Islands, that he will call her by telephone on the morning of either the 24th or 25th for a short talk.

Mr. Godfrey has been in the Islands three years in the capacity of a mining engineer. He has married during that time and has a baby daughter several months old. In the last few days his mother has received a picture of his wife and baby.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Lage of Downieville, at Nevada City Sanitarium, on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1934, a son.

That Holy Night in Bethlehem



(From Florian's etching of Lerolle's "Arrival of the Shepherds.")

Holy night! peaceful night!
Thro' the darkness beams a light.
Yonder where they sweet vigils keep
O'er the Babe who in silent sleep.
Rests in heavenly peace,
Rests in heavenly peace.

CAROL CHORUS SINGS AT PLAZA

Through the enterprising merchants of the Plaza, A. Sauvee, Gove Celio, Angelo Cartoscelli and Chester Scheemer, the Carol Singers of Grass Valley composed of 40 voices will sing in the Plaza between the hours of 8 and 8:30 this evening.

The whole community should turn out to hear this splendid group of singers who are noted for their singing of the old English Carols. Their trained voices will be a delight to old and young.

NOT SO MANY NEEDY, IS CHEERING REPORT

Besides an assortment of dolls, beautifully dressed, and toys contributed by the Campfire girls, good stuffs from many sources, there were cash contributions amounting to $28.90, received at the White Christmas tree on the court house grounds Friday afternoon.

The committee representing the Woman's Civic Club desires to thank all those who assisted in making this affair a great success. It is announced that the cases of need this Christmas are considerably under the number last year.

The Benevolent Society and Woman's Civic Club report less than 20 families that need aid this year. Last year there were more than 30, showing an improvement in conditions locally.

DRUNKEN WOMAN DRIVER IN CRASH

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Buffington and two young sons, motoring up from San Francisco yesterday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Belle Douglas, aunt of Mr. Buffington, were victims of a drunken woman's driving. Their car was badly damaged. They were obliged to telephone for a car to complete their journey and had their own car towed into Nevada City for repairs. The drunken driver who caused all the damage was not arrested.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, of Grass Valley, entertained at a delightful dinner and reunion Sunday. Those present were: Mrs. Henry Schroeder, Mrs. Etta Los Kamp, Mrs. Florence Evans, all of Nevada City; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meyers and daughter. On Saturday evening gifts from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree were distributed to the same group of guests.

The Sequoia's Christmas Story

We were a virgin forest
On the California hills,
Hushed by the snows of winter
And the music of gushing rills;
And swayed by summer breezes
From western seas afar,
We watched in the dusk of twilight
For the gleam of the evening star.

We were a strong young forest,
Under the arching sky,
Where shimmering snow peaks beckoned
And grey clouds drifted by;
We whispered a prayer in the moonlight,
For immortal life we craved,

In the patience of faith we waited
As the mystical ages passed,
And then a sign was given—
Our prayers had prevailed at last;
For a wandering ray of starlight,
On the night when Christ was born,
Came to the dim Sierras
And lingered till early morn.

It lay on our verdant branches
With a pure and holy sheen,
It silvered the heights above us
And the deep, dark vales between;
The winds of heaven whispered,
And under their fingers light,
With a sound as of many waters
We sang our hymn to the night.

And now as the aeons vanish,
We wait in eternal youth,
Clad in unfading verdure,
And this is the wonderful truth;
A wandering ray of starlight
On the night when Christ was born,
Lay on our perfumed branches
Till the coming of early dawn.

—A. Merriam Conner.

FORMER RESIDENT OF NEVADA CITY IS DEAD

Word was received by Mrs. F. Bitney, of Grass Valley, yesterday, of the passing of her aunt, Mrs. Bangs, aged 77 years, in San Francisco, on Sunday. She had been confined to her bed over two months.

Mrs. Bangs lived in the Fleming house on Boulder street, in Nevada City with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Milan Davidovich, for several months, leaving here last summer to reside in San Francisco when Mr. Davidovich secured work there. She made many friends here who will be sorry to learn of her passing.

FIREMEN HOOPSTERS DEFEAT CCC TEAMS

The Nevada City Firemen cage A squad defeated the Grass Valley CCC hoopsters Wednesday by the score of 43-21. The B squad of the Firemen were also victorious over the CCC boys by an 18-7 score. The Firemen have joined the Placer-Nevada county hoop league; the schedule will be announced later. Teams from Grass Valley, Nevada City, Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Roseville have been entered in the tournament.

Deputy District Attorney Robert Tharp left Saturday for Woodland, where he will spend Christmas with his sister.

CHILDREN GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THOSE IN NEED

At the "White Christma," sponsored by the Woman's Civic Club, a splendid program was rendered by the children of the grammar and high schools of Nevada City, in front of the beautifully decorated tree in the court house yard. Old Santa danced merrily to the last selection played by the high school band after which all field past large baskets filled with candies and nuts which were passed out by Civic Club members.

The marching grammar school pupils were led by their principal, Mr. Walter Carlson, and Mr. Kjorlie, principal of the high school had charge of the high school students. It was a beautiful sight to witness these happy faced young people, each carrying gifts as they gathered. The high school members led by their band, marched through town in quite an impressive manner, keeping step to a lively tattoo on the drum. A truck load of groceries and food were left at the foot of the tree to be distributed by the Benevolent Society of Nevada City. Cash donations of $28.90 were used to purchase food supplies for needy families.

HIGHWAY STAFF GUESTS AT BIG CHRISTMAS FETE

A Christmas party of all state highway employes, including both the regular staff and the relief workers, at which Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Garrison were hosts, was held Saturday night. Including the families of all those employed 175 presons were present to enjoy the festivity.

One of the features of the evening was 450 doughnuts all cut and ready to fry, and before evening closed every member of the party fried his own doughnuts in big kettles of fat provided for the purpose.

Children in the party numbered 65 and these lined up before the very jolly Santa Claus and engagingly told their secret wishes for Christmas gifts were handed to all those who attended from a great, beautifully lighted Christmas tree.

A delightful surprise for Mr. and Mrs. Garrison came at the end of the evening, when Santa Claus called forward and presented them with a beautiful silver percolator, cream jug and tray, on behalf of the big staff and their families.

MUSICAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT M. E. CHURCH

There was a fine musical program at the Methodist church last Sunday night. Carl Murchie organized the program. Cecil Schiffner, Mr. Leslie Sweeney, Ruth Curnow, and Carl Murchie played a brass quartet. Mr. Sweeney and Cecil Schiffner played a trumpet duet. Audry Davis gave a reading, and Helen Arbogast and Margaret Phariss sang a duet to Carl Murchie's organ accompaniment. Mrs. Lyda Talbot and Mrs. Charles Elliott each sang a vocal solo. Ray Murchie led the congregation in order to permit Rev. Buckner to conduct church services in Downieville.

BUILDING REMODELED

The Legg building at the corner of Union Alley and Broad street, is being remodeled into a service station and auto repair shop by Paul Taylor, formerly of Grass Valley, for Mr. John Mlinarich. Mr. Mlinarich will handle Gilmores blue green and Red Lion gasoline and other products. He expects to have the building completed and open by New Years.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS IN NEVADA CITY

Not for many years has Nevada county more cause to be merry, than this year. With a payroll that now reaches the the new peak of approximately $285,000 monthly, with the SERA pouring additional thousands into the pockets of wage earners, with the banks lending more than $20,000 for Federal Better Housing plans, Nevada county residents, generally speaking, are in a position not only to establish again their own security but to aid the relatively few who are needy and to promote the common weal whenever acceptable plans are presented.

To add to the happiness of the season, the Newmont company, which employs over 1,000 men in its several properties, has granted an extra holiday. The miners will celebrate this Christmas on both Tuesday and Wednesday. Idaho-Maryland is giving a $5 bill to all its employes, numbering 425, and other companies are following suit by either grants of time or cash.

While miasma of the depression has not entirely disappeared, the fog of dark uncertainty is gradually thinning, and as the clouds lift a clearer perception of the national trend is apparent. In general these things are becoming clear:

1. The great American public will not much longer continue to be exploited by small, rich and powerful groups.

2. Wages may not be much increased but working hours will be shortened.

3. The national ideal is turning to more beauty, more leisure, more security, in the lives of common workaday folks.

4. Government regulation will play an increasing part in all industrial and business activities and the bill people will pay for these functions will continue to grow.

A new world is emerging so gradually from the depression that sometimes one must pinch oneself to realize the changes that are taking place. But in general the change is for the better, better relatively as compared with the years since 1929, and better absolutely as compared with old system that fell to ruin in that year.

Our fears recede; our confidence grows. Let us be especially Merry this Christmas.

BETWEEN THE LINES

By Alexander McNulty

A WORTHY EXPERIMENT

Under our present system whereby the already enormous public debt is being increased at the rate of approximately 150 million dollars monthly; opinion is unanimous that the situation is from an economic view, unhealthy. There is not of course, any question raised as to the necessity of continuance of some form of relief. Under the circumstances, any thought of discontinuance is entirely beyond the pale of reason.

Upon the efficiency and economies of the two forms now in effect namely, direct relief and so-called work relief; there is a wide difference of opinion. The problems and questions involved. comprising as they do problems in sociology, economics and psychology, are such that a volume could be written on the subject without proving conclusively either side of the controversial question.

Those who champion direct relief bring out the undeniable fact that this form of relief costs approximately one-half what it costs to provide work relief. They contend that work-relief projects are for the greater part of a character not of economic necessity at present and this fact is known to those working on these projects. It thus tends to diminish the morale of those employed on such work. They further contend that workers on such projects under no compulsion of the old driving incentive of competetive work and secure in the knowledge that provisions will be made for them, the natural tendency is toward a breakdown of working morale—a forming of habits that may un-fit many for future conditions wherein the old efficiency and driving force would prevail.

Those who defend the so-called work-relief are just as honest in their convictions. They believe that the extra cost of such relief is well justified on the grounds that by giving people a chance to work it allows them to maintain their self respect far more than if they were forced to accept direct relief. They also maintain, and truthfully, that a large portion of the work being done on the various relief projects has a very definite value.

It is very evident that both schools of thought have a great measure of logic in their contentions. Treating as it must with all classes and conditions of society and varied economic and geographical conditions and without precedent to aid in its solution, the entire question is one that only time and experiment can solve.

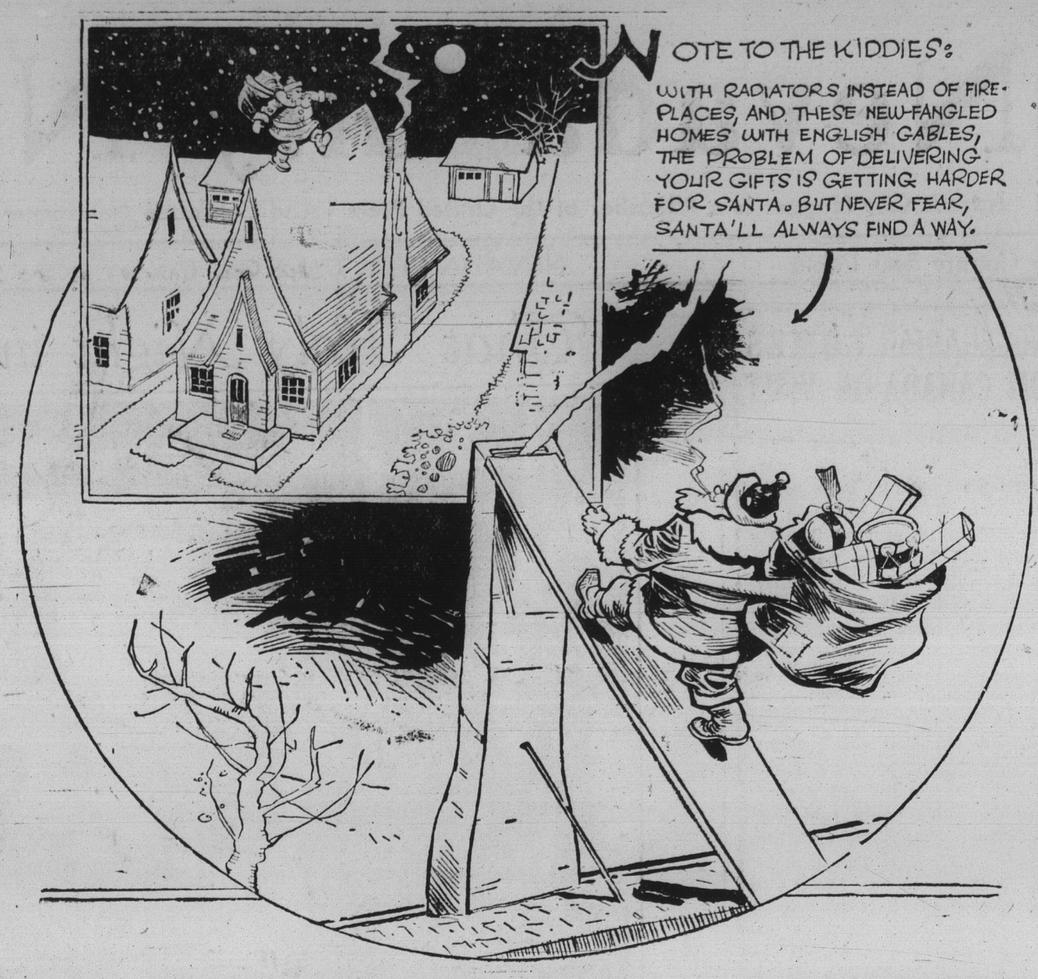
There is one angle to the situation, however, that has apparently been overlooked. Among the millions who are forced to accept relief there is a certain percentage who find such a necessity revolting to their instincts and self-respect. These are people who in the past have been accustomed to enjoy the advantages of credit and all that credit implies. After the crash many had managed to get along for years on credit, extended by friends. This class of people have been and shall continue to be good credit risks when conditions return to where their earning power shall be restored.

Inasmuch as these people must be and are being provided for and the necessary governmental machinery is already set up and functioning; it would be no difficult matter to incorporate some provision whereby those who so desired might borrow on the security of their personalities, such money as is necessary to live on. There is no doubt that a very appreciable percentage of people now existing on some form of relief because there is no alternative; would welcome some arrangement in which, by borrowing against the future, they felt they could spare themselves the necessity of accepting so-called relief.

Under such an arrangement, it is reasonable to assume from various credit-risks statistics, that a considerable portion of such borrowings would be repaid when conditions became such that normal earning power is restored.

This is an experiment that is worthy of consideration. No extra cost of administration nor disbursement would be incurred nor would there be any added burden of relief. From a social viewpoint it is impossible to estimate what benefits would derive from such an arrangement but it is reasonable to assume that such benefits would be of measureable importance. It is reasonable to assume also that under such an arrangement, repayment of such borrowings would be a factor of some importance in ultimately defraying the cost to government of relieving distress during this period.

The Great American Home


NOTE TO THE KIDDIES:
WITH RADIATORS INSTEAD OF FIRE-PLACES, AND THESE NEW-FANGLED HOMES WITH ENGLISH GABLES, THE PROBLEM OF DELIVERING YOUR GIFTS IS GETTING HARDER FOR SANTA. BUT NEVER FEAR, SANTA'LL ALWAYS FIND A WAY.

Have You Heard ?

BY

Katie Lewis

FRENCH CORRAL, Dec. 24.—To all my readers a Merry Christmas!

Christmas is the world's great holiday. It is the day of fellowship and gladness, when wrinkles are competence. Even the poor man life's stern duties are laid aside; age renews its youth and old memories bring back forgotten joys. So let the bells ring out their sweet chimes on the wintry air, and in their gladdening sound we will all rejoice; our homes will be made glad, children happy, feuds buried and the smile of welcome extended everywhere.

It is a joyous task to write of Christmas in various countries and my pen will honor none with mention that do not promise a positive pleasure for every member of the family to read. In Germany there is always a Christmas tree no matter how small or poor it may be. The tall, dark handsome fir loaded with confections of every shape and hue, graces the palace; those of smaller size are found in the houses of people who boast of a comfortable smoothered from the brow of care; must have his bit of Christmas green, a tiny branch stuck in an apple.

The Dalmatian fishermen select huge trunks of trees, put one in the open fireplace and light it; the family all gather around and sing until nothing but ashes remain.

In Berlin, at Christmas, the streets are lined with fir trees; the royal square is crowded with odd-looking booths made of evergreen branches. These are filled with playthings and confections of various kinds, for which there is a ready sale. All night long wax tapers shine in the boughs and the whole square appears like a forest of Christmas trees.

In the towns of France there is a vast amount of feasting and drunkenness. The restaurants are gayly illuminated and the taverns swarm with people who sing or rather shout lively songs the whole night long. In the country it is quite different. The church bells ring and no matter how drowsy the people may feel they consider it their duty to go out in the cold, the rain, or snow, as the case may be; walking in single file there is soon a long procession wending its way to the brightly illuminated church. The children carry enormous oiled paper stars and the grown folks lanterns.

The midnight Mass now begins; All sing, the great aim of each one being, not to sing in tuneful numbers but to make as much noise as possible. There are generally three masses before the services end, then back through the dreary night they go, to enjoy a feast called Reveillen, the edibles at this feast generally consist of pork, sausage and blood pudding. Christmas eve the children put one of their shoes under the mantel-piece for Old Chris to fill with toys and good things; if they should happen to displease the jolly old saint the shoe will be found empty.

There are three things that are said to try the temper of Old Chris. First, if one of the children should use his father's boot instead of his own; second, being of a grasping nature should place two shoes for an extra supply of good things; third, if he should seize upon some stranger's shoe on account of its large size. The Christmas tree used in France, comes from Germany.

Santa Claus never comes to Lima, Peru; perhaps the reason is that Christmas there comes in midsummer. All through the night, in the grand square or Plaza, is feasting, dancing and music. On the cobble stones outside, chairs by the thousands are placed and quickly hired. At midnight the great Campana or silver bell of San Pedro sounds. It has the sweetest tones of any bell in the world and it is said that European ecclesiastics have offered half a million dollars for it. Slowly it tolls the hour of high mass, as if by magic there is a sudden hush, the bands cease playing and all the faithful ones uncover their heads, fall on their knees and make the sign of the cross. In every church they ring and chant the advent of the Christ Child. Two low masses follow this first high mass, then the religious services for Christmas are at an end.

In Sweden, the father and the boys go out and cut a big tree; the dining room floor is covered with a white cloth, in the center of which the tree is placed supported by a wooden frame also covered with white cloth. Candles and stars, tinsel, gay little glass balls and tiny flags decorate the many branches, while over, an angle hangs suspended by a thread. When the tree is lighted, a watcher stands on one side with a wet cloth fastened on a long pole, to put out any flames that might start in the tree. No presents are ever hung on the tree, but baskets full of packages are under it. When the children come in, the mother begins a carol in which all join, then the father takes the Bible and reads the story of the Babe in the manger, thanking the dear Father for his great gift. There is another carol, then the children hand the presents around, the servants receiving their full share. In the morning there is an early service in the church which gleams with candles; later in the day a sermon and special music, then games in the evening, winding up often with a dance.

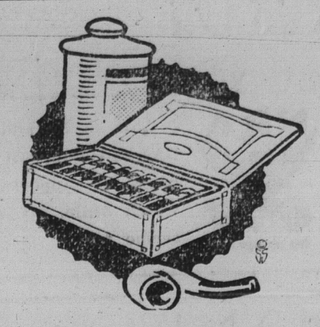
Way up in the north of Austria, the farmers on the eve of Christmas Day fill the corners of their huts with sheaves of various corns and strew their tables with hay; this is their Christmas; it begins on the eve of Christmas Day and ends on the sixth of January. Through the festive season the villagers become one family, the masters are obliged to wait on their servants, neighbors entertain each other and the young people go from house to house, singing Christmas carols and offering their good wishes.

People throw corn on each other and sing this little ditty:

Wheat and corn let us sow,
Pretty children may you thrive
Evermore around the fireside.

On the eve of Christmas Day, the peasants throw a good supply of corn on the fields around the house to give the birds a pleasant surprise. The forester also has a kindly thought for the animals, for whose benefit he fastens hay on the trees and on poles.

The first Christmas, of which we have mention in the south, was the day on which the brave Pocahontas saved Captain John Smith from the bloodthirsty Powhatan.



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CHRISTMAS JOYS FOR CHILDREN OF TRANSIENTS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—A happier Yuletide for 10,000 children who, along with their parents, knew the meaning of destitution until helped by the federal government, was today in prospect as the Federal Transient Service began the distribution of home-made Christmas toys to the boys and girls of indigent non-resident families of California.

Toy wagons, trains, dolls, blocks, and other familiar childish playthings were today being placed in the hands of many youngsters never before visited by Santa Claus, as government relief workers strove to make this a more cheerful Christmas for numerous unfortunate families from out-of-state stranded within the borders of California.

The toys have been made by hand out of scraps, odds-and-ends, and donated materials, by men and women transients who are themselves on federal relief, as their contribution to the Yuletide happiness of the transient children.

Among the families receiving the presents are many whose homes and farms were lost in the drouth of last summer, and others who have come from industrial centers where jobs could not be found. While stranded away from their places of legal residence, their relief has been assumed by the Transient Service.

HEARING SCHEDULED ON GRAZING DISTRICTS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Dec. 24.—Secretary Ickes of the Department of the Interior, has announced that a hearing will be held at Bakersfield, California, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., on January 17, 1935, for the purpose of considering the establishment of grazing districts in California, under the Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934. Other meetings will be held later in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. These hearings will be open to the attendance of state officials, settlers, residents and livestock owners who are interested in the grazing use of the public domain.

AIR CONDITIONING TO COST SOUTHERN PACIFIC $2,000,000

With a $2,000,000 expenditure already authorizzed for the air-conditioning of equipment, the Southern Pacific Company today announced that another transcontinental train will be added to its program, and that a large number of coaches and chair cars will be fitted with the temperature-control devices.

Word just received by local representatives of the company states the the Pacific Limited, in daily service between San Francisco and Chicago, is to be air-conditioned throughout, in the manner of the Overland Limited, Golden State Limited, Sunset Limited and Cascade, previously provided for. Expenditures will be increased approximately $300,000 by expansion of the improvement program, it was revealed.

BRANCH P. O. RUSHED WITH XMAS MAILING

The branch post office in the Chamber of Commerce room has done a business only second to the main office. The rush of Christmas mailing is not expected to subside until late tonight. Many citizens have found it more convenient to mail their packages at the temporary branch than to wait in line at the post office.

GAS TAXES FOR NOVEMBER DROP

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 24.—After the October break in the decline of California gasoline tax revenues, the November tax is reported at $3,227,105.78, marking a decrease of $664,597.39 as compared with the tax for the same month of last year. This is a loss of 17.07 per cent in contrast with the gain of 7.5 per cent shown for October.

Commenting upon this sharp decline in the yield from the 3 cents per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax, R. E. Collins, chairman of the State Board of Equalization, in whose office the tax is assessed, stated, "Gasoline tax returns for the past month are disappointing. They indicate that the improvement noted in October oil company business was apparently not as permanent as had been hoped.

"Refunds for non-highway uses absorb at least 10 per cent of total collections so that the net proceeds of last month's tax remaining for road work will be less than $3,000,000. If December sales decline proportionately, the net tax yield for the year need not be expected to exceed $36,000,000 by any substantial amount.

"Recent agitation for redistribution of gasoline tax proceeds may be affected by the diminishing returns from this source as it is anticipated that demands upon these funds will make further division difficult."

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First National Bank in Reno has opened a branch in Tonopah on December 17, to serve the western-central portion of Nevada, it was announced today by Carl F. Wente, president.

Following the opening of the new branch, First National in Reno, which was a unit bank until its acquisition by Transamerica Corporation earlier this year, will have a branch system composed of a head office and one branch in Reno and branches in Carson City, Winnemucca and Tonopah.

C. E. LaBree, who has been assistant cashier of the Bishop branch of Bank of America, will be manager of the Tonopah branch of the First National Bank in Reno. C. E. Sutherland, of the Reno bank's head office, has been appointed assistant cashier and will be stationed at Tonopah.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO GLADDEN CCC BOYS

Capt. Waldo Telfer and Mrs. Telfer who are stationed at Camp Grass Valley CCC, assisted by Lieutenant Slee, are preparing an entertainment, big dinner, and Christmas tree for the CCC boys that remain in camp for the holidays.

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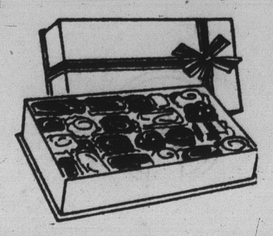

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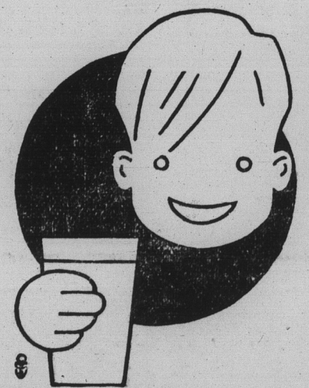

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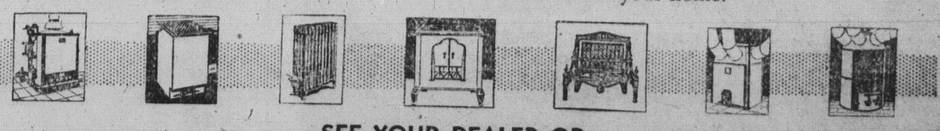

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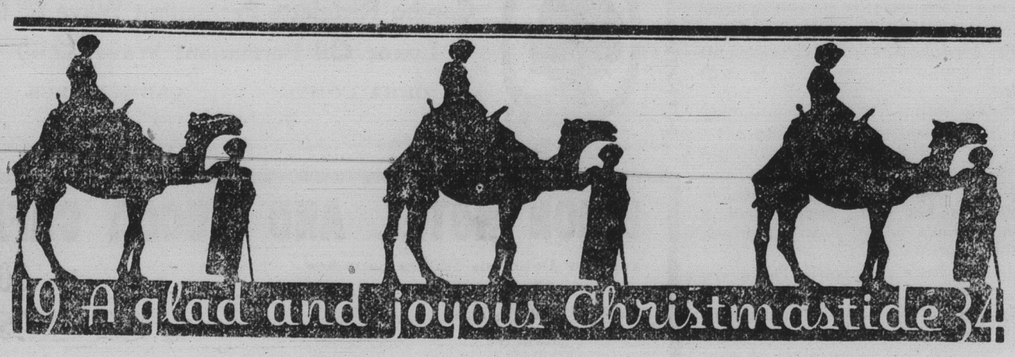

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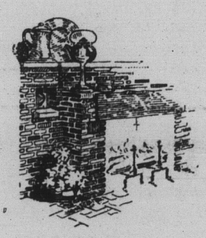

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Christmas in Christ's Land Is Without Snow

LITTLE Christian children who live in Jerusalem or who are traveling there with their parents will not have a snowy Christmas. Snow almost never falls in Palestine, for the temperature is seldom below 38 degrees. When it does snow, the flakes melt as soon as they touch the ground.

Most of the people in the country where the infant Jesus was born do not celebrate Christmas, however! For only a few of them are Christians; most are Moslems or Jews. There are some Christmas trees in Christian homes, and gifts are exchanged among those who observe Christ's birthday. But there are no street decorations and no late shopping problems. The post offices have no big signs urging "Mail your packages early!"

Yet there is probably no place in the world more appropriate to visit at Christmas. The Holy Sepulchre is in the old part of the city, and at Bethlehem, six miles south, is a great church that has replaced the humble inn where Christ was born. Inside is a large flat stone on which the infant Jesus is supposed to have been laid, reminding us how Christianity grew from one humble life.—Frances Grinstead.

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A CHRISTMAS SMACK

George—Would you be alarmed if I kissed you while you are under that mistletoe?

Grace—Yes, but it would be a still alarm.

Demand for Christmas Toys

Children are still running true to form in their requests to Santa Claus. The girls still want dolls, play furniture and toy household appliances and the boys want cowboy suits and mechanical toys year after year.

The Need of Santa Claus

"If there were no God it would be necessary to invent him," said a well-known writer. There is no Santa Claus in our grown-up world, but we have found we needed him as one of the most beloved characters in the world of childhood, which is peopled with legends of the child's own making. The enchanting belief in Santa and his reindeer, his paunch and his pack filled with toys will never hurt a child. The cynical grown-ups, who have too completely lost their belief in him and his kind, need your help.

Santa All the Year Is Found to Be Good Idea

SANTA CLAUS comes in July as well as December to those who need him in Columbia, Mo. Last Christmas a dollar given anonymously by "a group of children" was used by the Welfare society there to start a fund for year-round needs, instead of gorging people with too many baskets of goodies one day out of 365.

These are some of the things the fund has paid for: glasses to replace those broken by a boy whose mother washes to keep him in school; means of getting a crippled girl to and from school; shoes for the old horse used by the society when there is hauling to be done; the cane a grandfather needed to help him get about; fares of a trachoma patient and a tubercular child who were sent to hospitals; soap and a razor for a young man who wanted to clean up so he could try for a job.

Regular donations to the society may be spent only for food, fuel, clothing and shelter; these all-the-year gifts though badly needed, would have been impossible but for the dollar from the children "to use any way you want" that gave welfare workers the idea of the Santa Claus fund.—Frances Grinstead.

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OUR SANTA CLAUS

THE American Santa Claus is a corruption of the Dutch Santa Nicolas. G. H. McHughes says: "Santa Claus, the name derived from St. Nicholas through the familiar use of children in Teutonic countries, crossed to America. The direct route followed by him is somewhat open to question. On the way he traded his gray horse for a reindeer and made changes in his appearance."

THE EARLY BIRD

"Mabel's afraid I wasn't going to give anything to her."

"How do you know?"

"She sent her Christmas gift to me last week."

Making Sugar Toys

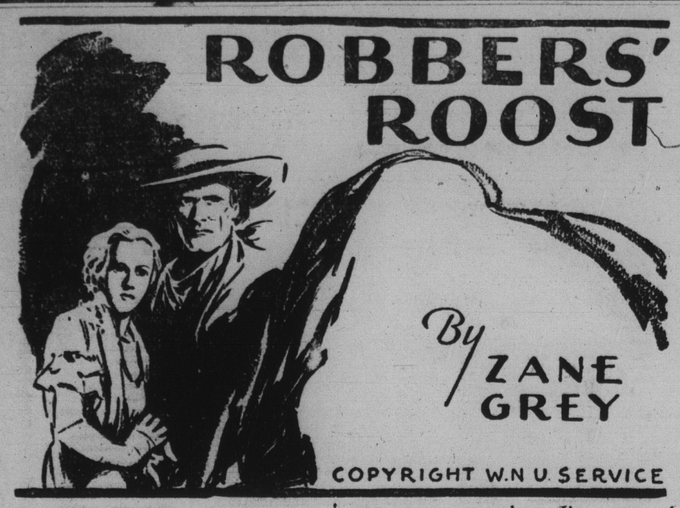
Sugar toys may be made according to the following directions: 4 pounds of sugar, 2 ounces of corn sirup, 1 pint of water. Boil to 240-242 degrees, then stir until cloudy and pour in plaster of paris moulds that have been drained after soaking in cold water for two or three hours.

Christmas Luck; Omens Used in Days Long Ago

DO YOU know that a full moon at Christmas day is supposed to be unlucky, the saying going:

"Light Christmas, light wheatsheaf; dark Christmas, heavy wheatsheaf," and that a windy Christmas and a calm Candlemas were held as omens of a good year. Rain during the twelve days after Christmas was said to foretell a wet year to follow. When decorating the house with Christmas holly, be careful not to burn any leaves or berries that fall, but put them carefully away until Twelfth Night, when they should be burnt with the rest of the decorations. Then luck and happiness will follow; but if so much as a holly leaf is burned beforehand, you are courting disaster, say the old-fashioned country folk who set store on Chirstmas omens. Look to your fire on Christmas day, for if it burns brightly it is a sign of prosperity; if, however, when the fire is first lighted it smoulders and refuses to "draw," setbacks may be looked for during the year to come.

Wear something new on Christmas day if possible, "for luck," and be very careful to put on no garment with a hole or tear in it, otherwise you will lose money. Also, remember that the first words spoken in the day should be cheerful; to speak a word of grumbling is to court bad luck.—Montreal Herald.



The afternoon waned. The horses plodded on, slower and slower, wearing to exhaustion. Helen was a dead weight. Despair had seized upon him when he turned a yellow corner between the slope and the cottonwoods, to be confronted by a wide pasture at the end of which a log cabin nestled among cottonwoods. A column of blue smoke rose lazily against the foliage.

The horses labored out of the mud to higher ground. Jim rode up to the cabin. Never in all his life had he been so glad to smell smoke, to see a garden, to hear a dog bark. His ever-quick eye caught sight of a man who had evidently been watching, for he stepped out on the porch, rifle in hand. Jim kept on to the barred gate. There were flowers in the yard and vines on the cabin—proof of feminine hands. And he saw a bed on the porch.

"Hello," he shouted, as he got off carefully, needing both hands to handle Helen.

"Hullo, yourself," called the man, who was apparently curious, but not unfriendly. Then as Jim let down a bar of the gate with his foot, this resident of Blue valley leaned his rifle against the wall and called to some one within.

CHAPTER XIII

Jim hurried on to the porch and laid Helen on the bed. She was so exhausted that she could not speak, but

Jim Hurried On to the Porch and Laid Helen on the Bed.

she smiled at Jim. Her plight was evident. Then Jim straightened up to look at the man.

His swift gaze, never so penetrating, fell upon a sturdy individual of middle age—a typical pioneer, still-faced and bearded. The instant Jim looked into the blue eyes, mildly curious, he knew that whoever the man was he had not heard of the abduction of Herrick's sister.

"Howdy, stranger."

"My name's Wall," said Jim in reply, slowly seeking for words.

"Mine's Tasker. Whar you from?"

"Durango. . . . My—my wife and I got lost. She wasn't strong. She gave out. I'm afraid she's in bad shape."

"She shore looks bad. But the Lord is good. It's only she's tuckered out."

"What place is this?"

"Blue valley. I've stuck it out. But I'll be givin' up soon. No use tryin' to fight thet Dirty Devil river. Five years ago there was eighty people livin' hyar. Blue valley has a story, friend—"

"One I'd be glad to hear," interrupted Jim. "Will you help me? I have money and can pay you."

"Stay an' welcome, friend. An' keep your money. Me an' my women folks ask nothin' fer good will toward those in need."

"Thank you," Jim replied, huskily. "Will you call them to look after my—my wife?"

Helen was staring up at Jim with wondering, troubled eyes.

"Is everything all right?" she asked, faintly.

"Yes, if to find friends an' care is that," replied the rancher, kindly. Then he stepped to the door to call within. "Mary, this rider was not alone. It was his wife he was carryin'. They got lost in the brakes an' she gave out. We must take them in."

That night, after the good ranchers assured Jim that Helen was just worn out Jim went to sleep under the cottonwoods and never moved for seventeen hours.

Helen sat up the second day, white and shaky indeed but recovering with a promise that augured well. Her eyes hung upon Jim with a mute observance.

Next morning while the women were at work in the fields and Tasker was away somewhere Jim approached Helen on the porch. Her hair, once again under care, shone like burnished gold.

"Well, you look wonderful this morning," he said. "We must begin to think of getting away."

"Oh, I'm able to start."

"We mustn't overdo it. Tomorrow, perhaps. And then if we're lucky, in three days you'll be back at Star ranch. . . . And I—"

His evident depression, as he broke off, checked her vivid gladness.

"You will never go back to—to your old life?" she questioned quickly.

"No, so help me, God! This I owe to you alone, Helen. It will be possible now for me even to be happy. But enough of myself. I have traded two of the horses for Tasker's light wagon. I will take you to the stage line and soon you will be at Grand Junction."

Jim ceased. Her hands slipped from her eyes, to expose them wide, filmed with tears, through which shone that which made him flee.

"Wait—please wait!" she called after him, as he made with giant strides for the gate. But he did not go back.

In a moonlit hour that night, late, when the good Taskers had gone to well-earned rest, Jim heard his name called. He ran with swift, noiseless feet to Helen's bedside.

"You did not come back," she whispered. "I cannot sleep. . . . There is something I—want to say."

He sat down upon the bedside and clasped her hand in his.

"Is your real name Jim Wall?" she asked, with more composure.

"No. I will tell it if you wish."

"Are you a free man?"

"Free. What do you mean? Yes, free—of course!"

"You called me your—your wife to these kind people."

"I thought that best. They would be less curious."

"I was not offended—and I understood. . . . I want you to go back to Star ranch with me."

"You ask me—that!" he exclaimed incredulously.

"Yes, I do."

"But you will be perfectly safe. Some one will drive you from Grand Junction."

"Perhaps. Only I'll never feel safe again—unless you are near. I've had too great a shock, Jim. I suppose one of your western girls could have stood this adventure. But this was my first rough experience. It was a—a little too much."

"I can never go back to Star ranch," he replied, gravely.

"Why not? Because you are—you were a member of a robber gang? I had an ancestor who was a robber baron."

"That's not the reason," he said.

"What is it—then?"

"If I leave you now—soon as I've placed you in good hands—I can ride off in peace—go to Arizona, or somewhere and be a cowboy—and be happy in the memory of having served you and loved you—and through that having turned my back on the old life. . . . But if I went back to Star ranch—to see you every day—to—to—"

"To ride with me," she interfered, softly.

"Yes—to ride with you," he went on hoarsely. "That'd be like what you called your rough experience—a little too much. It would be terribly too much. I'm only human."

"Faint heart never won fair lady," she whispered, averting her face and withdrawing her hand. "Jim, I believe if I were you, I'd risk it."

Jim gazed down at the clear-cut profile, at the shadowed eyes, hair silvered in the moonlight; then, stricken and mute, he rushed away.

Before dawn Jim had beaten his vain and exalted consciousness into a conviction that the heaven Helen hinted at for him was the generosity of a woman's heart. She could not yet be wholly herself. He must not take advantage of that. But to reassure her he decided he would conduct her to Star ranch, careful never to reopen that delicate and impossible subject, and after she was safely there and all was well he would ride away in the night, letting his silence speak his farewell.

At sunrise Jim acquainted Tasker with his desire to leave for Torrey.

At breakfast and in the bustle of departure he was sure Helen felt something aloof and strange in him, and he dared not meet her thoughtful eyes.

Soon they were on the way, Helen comfortably settled in the back of the two-seated wagon and Jim riding beside Tasker in front.

A rancher, at whose place Tasker stopped, invited them to pass the night at his house, and next morning take the road from there to Grand Junction, which could be reached in a long day's drive. Jim accepted both invitation and advice. In the morning Tasker bade them good-by and God-speed.

"Thank you, Mr. Tasker," replied Helen. "I shall remember your kindness. And I'd like to buy back the two horses Jim traded you."

"I'll fetch them, if you'll tell me where," replied the rancher.

"Star ranch, north of Grand Junction."

"I've heard of thet. Wal, you may expect me some day, though I had taken a likin' to your bay hoss."

Jim drove off in the clear cold air of a mountain autumn morning before the sun had come up.

"Helen, you shouldn't have asked him to fetch the horses," said Jim reprovingly. "He'll find out I lied."

"Lied! What about?"

"I told Tasker you were my wife."

"Oh, that!" laughed Helen, and turned away a scarlet face. "It can be explained easily—if necessary. . . . Look! This glorious country! . . . No, I don't ever want to leave it."

Somehow Jim got through that long ride of suspense, fear and thrills, and when they reached Grand Junction just after dark it was none too soon for him. Fortunately he got Helen into the little inn before she was recognized, and then returned to put the tired horses in the care of a stable boy. Jim did not risk entering store or saloon. Hays had had secret friends there. Yet Jim was keen to hear the gossip about Star ranch. He was late for supper, having taken time to shave and change his shirt.

To his surprise he found Helen radiant.

"What do you think Bernie has done?"

"Bernie!" ejaculated Jim.

"Yes. My brother. This good woman told me. . . . Jim, you are the richer by ten thousand dollars."

"Richer? Me!"

"Indeed. Bernie offered ten thousand dollars for my safe return."

"You know I wouldn't take a dollar!" flashed Jim.

"Well! What do you want, Jim?" she inquired, with a woman's sweet tantalizing mystery. "However, never mind that now. Listen. Bernie hired all the riders available to hunt for me. Also he found where Hays sold our cattle, and he forced the buyers to sell back every head, at the price they paid. He threatened to take the case to Salt Lake City."

"That's sure good news. It might have a tendency to end rustling, at least in wholesale bunches. Did you hear how badly your brother was hurt?"

"She did not mention that. Any way it couldn't have been much, for Bernie has been here. . . . Aren't you going to eat any supper? Oh, I shall not sleep much tonight. . . . And what shall I tell Bernie?"

The query was arresting to Jim and he hastened to direct her mind into other channels, trying to make her feel concerned that they had still fifty miles to cover.

Every moment of that ride next day was a joy and a pang. It seemed as short as the preceding one had been long. Helen was gay, sad, thoughtful, and talkative by turns, but she did not infringe on the one subject that crucified Jim.

It chanced that as they surmounted the pass that led down into Star ranch valley the sun was setting out of a glorious cloud pageant over Wild Horse Mesa and the canyon brakes of the Dirty Devil. Jim judged of its beauty and profundity by the sudden silence it enjoined upon his companion. She never spoke another word until Jim halted the team in front of the ranch-house porch. "Home!" she whispered as if she had never expected to see it again.

At Jim's halloa Herrick came out on the porch. "By Jove—here you are!" was his greeting, as cool and unemotional as if they were returning from a day's visit to the village.

"Yes, Bernie, here I am—thanks to my escort," replied Helen.

Jim helped her out, while some cowboys came running.

"I'll take the team down," Jim said, hurriedly.

"You come in," returned Herrick, as he gripped Jim's hand and gave him a searching glance. He kissed Helen and led her in, with his arm around her. Jim purposely lingered at the task of collecting Helen's worn and muddy luggage, and carried it in. Brother and sister stood with arms locked, and their gaze was hard to meet.

"Jim, you will have supper with us," she said, "I'll leave you and Bernie. . . . Oh, what will a tub and a change feel like!"

She gathered up her things and ran out of the living room.

"Helen hadn't time to tell me much," Herrick said. "Hays kidnaped her for ransom. Took her to a hellhole down in the brakes. Robbers' Roost, she called it. Held her there captive. They fought among themselves—gambling with my money. Heeseman's crew found them. There was a battle. In the end you killed Hays and brought Helen back. . . . That's the gist of her story. But I want it in detail."

"I have all the money, almost to a dollar, Herrick," replied Jim.

The Englishman regarded that as of little consequence and urged Jim to a recital of the whole affair.

Presently Herrick spoke with something of gravity: "Helen told me that I was to keep you at Star ranch. I hope you won't let this Hays debacle drive you away."

"It'll be impossible for me to stay," rejoined Jim, briefly. "But thanks for your kindness."

"I'll have you manage the ranch—give you an interest. Anything—"

"Please don't embarrass me further. I can't stay. . . . It's hard to confess—but I have had the gall, the absurd luck, to fall in love with your sister. I couldn't help it. . . . I want you to know, however, that it has turned me from that old outlaw life. I'll go away and begin life over again."

"By Jove! So that's your trouble. Does Helen know?"

"Yes. I told her. It was after she asked me to come and stay at Star ranch. She said she would never feel safe again unless I came. So I had to tell her."

"Declare I don't blame her. I'd feel a little safer myself. That devil Hays left his trade-mark on me. Look here. . . . By thunder, Wall, it's a blooming mix. I understand you, and think you're a man to respect and like. Can't we get around the trouble somehow?"

"There is no way, Herrick."

"Helen has her own sweet will about everything. If she wants you to stay, you'll stay, that I can assure you. Is there any honorable reason why you ought not stay—outside of this unfortunate attachment to Helen?"

"I leave you to be judge of that," replied Jim, and briefly related the story of his life.

"I like your West. I like you westerners!" Herrick exploded. "Whatever Helen wants is quite right with me. . . . I can't conceive of her insisting on your staying here—unless there is hope for you."

"That is wild, Herrick. I can't conceive of such a thing. It wouldn't be fair to take her seriously—after the horror she's been through—and her intense gratefulness."

Helen came in to breakfast next morning attired in the riding habit she had worn on that never-to-be-forgotten day of their ride.

"By Jove!" exclaimed Herrick. "If I were you, I'd never want to ride again!"

After greeting her, Jim could only look his admiration and wonder.

"I am taking up my ranch life where it left off—with reservations from sad experience," replied Helen, as she took her seat. "Bernie, we had to trade Jim's horse, Bay. What can he ride today?"

"He may take his choice. There are any number of good beasts."

"By the way, Jim, I told Tasker to follow us at once with our horses. I shall treasure that horse, Gray. A robber's horse! . . . Tasker ought to be here soon, maybe tomorrow."

Jim felt the solid earth slipping from under his feet.

"I expected to leave today," he said, casually. "But I'll wait until tomorrow. Bay is a horse I hated to part with."

"So soon!" exclaimed Helen, with dark, inscrutable eyes on him.

"You are home. All is well with you."

"Bernie, could you not induce Jim to stay?" she queried.

Herrick waved a deprecatory hand. "Bernie has consented to let me share his ranching enterprise," she said. "I'd like to see it pay—a reasonable interest, at least. And I have rather conceived the idea that it'd be difficult, if not impossible, without you."

"Not at all," replied Jim, constrainedly.

Presently she arose: "Come, let us ride. We can discuss it better in the saddle."

(To Be Continued)

PLEA FOR SYMPATHY FOR STRANDED FOLKS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24—Asking Californians to adopt a more tolerant attitude toward destitute unforunaes from out-of-state who find themselves stranded within the borders of this state, a plea for understanding of the problems of indigent transients in keeping with the spirit of Christmas was today issued by H. A. R. Carleton, California director of the Federal Transient Service.

"Non-resident indigents are no different from resident indigents in their need for sympathetic understanding and assistance," Carleton declared. "Since the care of these out-of-state destitute persons has been taken over by the Federal government, there is no need for citizens of the state to extend material aid to them, but a more friendly attitude and evidence of a desire to help in their rehabilitation would be of great importance at this time."

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WOMAN HAS FALL IN PUTTING UP TREE

Mrs. George Scarfe was severely bruised when she suffered a five-foot fall from the top of a small step ladder in the last few days. She was attempting to fasten a cord to the ceiling of her front room to hold a Christmas tree. It has been the custom for many years to have a tree in the same spot each year, and this season she was attempting to put it up unaided. She is quite fortunate in escaping more serious injury.

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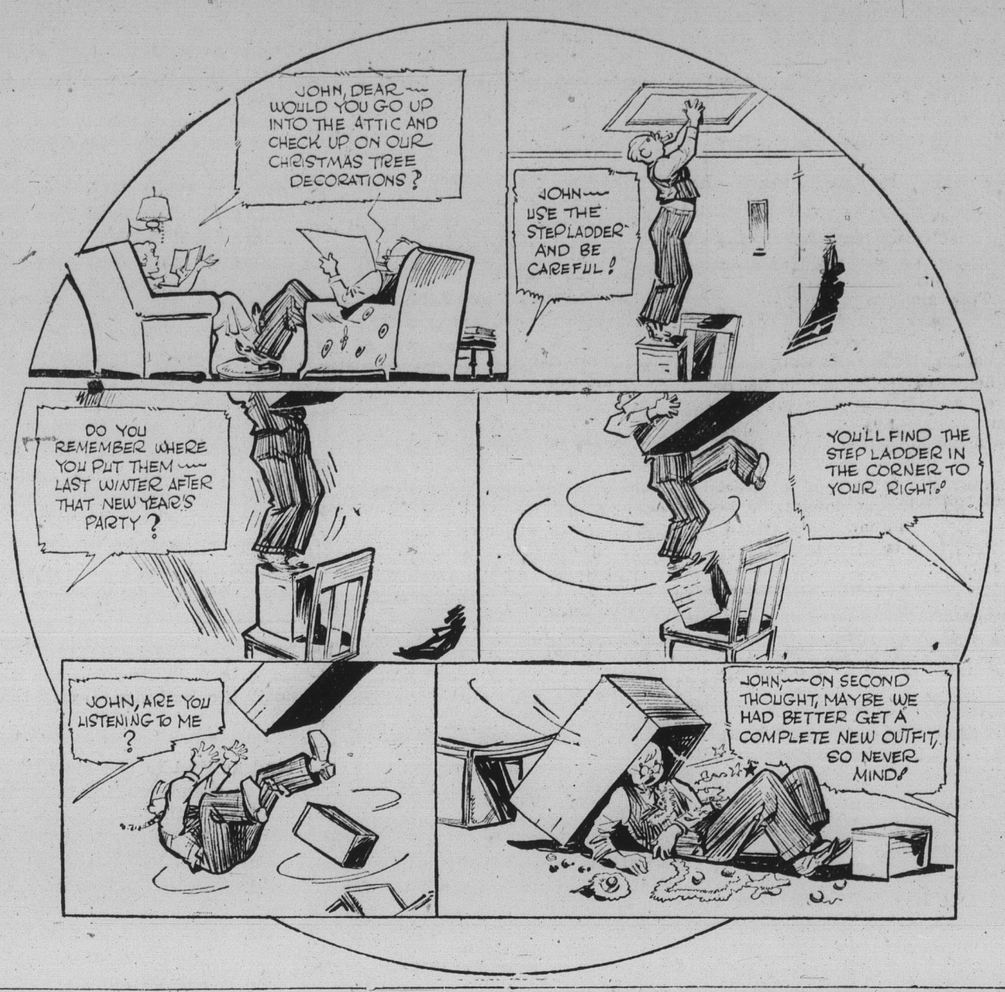
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SCHOOL AT FRENCH CORRAL ENTERTAINS

By KATHERINE BRAITHWAITE

FRENCH CORRAL, Dec. 20.—Teresa O'Connor successfully brought her elementary school to a close, until January 7, here this afternoon with an interesting as well as an entertaining program.

The school room was appropriately decorated with red and green paper streamers, Christmas bells, wreaths of evergreens and the organ was banked with ferns and hollyberries. Every available seat and bench was filled with parents and friends and the children gleefully "doubled up" with some of the older folks.

Promptly at 2:30 o'clock the curtains were pulled aside and revealed the dias set in a typical Christmas scene. A great cluster of mistletoe hung from the ceiling, liberally covered with snow and underneath it a brick fireplace appeared cozy and inviting with its warmth of glowing embers. Silver candlesticks and a clock that ticked off the hours were all that was needed to give the impression of a corner in anyone's home on Christmas eve. A tree, beautifully decorated and laden with gifts tied alluringly with red and gold ribbons, competed the scene.

Wee Claude Williams opened the program with the happy greeting, "Merry Christmas" and directly afterwards Clara Ruth Hoskins gave the audience an idea of what Christmas means to her. Dorris Williams, another small, but intelligent child, received a liberal share of applause for her recitation "Lasses and Bread." And what Christmas program is complete without "Jingle Bells?" A group of boys and girls filed out on the stage and made the room ring with the spirited and merry old song.

Jean Folsom, a young lady of unusual talent, cleverly presented "A Country Christmas." And Edward Williams seriously requested everyone to remember the birds at Xmas time and cited a good example. The boys and girls again marched out and sang "A Christmas Time Song" which most of the audience could not resist "joining in." After that Donald Williams humorously itemized, in the form of a recitation, just exactly what his class mates expect to find in their stockings Christmas morning.

Alvie Smith expressed a desire to see Santa Claus coming down the chimney, all covered with soot but wisely decided the polite thing to do is to stay in bed even if he is too excited to sleep. Miss Angeline Graham, of Loc Angeles, sang "In the Valley of the Moon," and was accompanied on the accordian by Miss Edith Bowes, of Sweetland. Little George Williams sadly wished he might be Santa Claus just once because he knew of lots of needy children he would be extra kind to. Donald Williams apparently has a clothes complex and the different dresses his teacher wears, according to his recitation, seriously affects his education. And his brother Edward gave a vivid description of Santa coming down an extra small chimney over-burdened with gifts.

Miss Graham and Miss Bowes sang and played "A Home on the Range," and "The Old Spinning Wheel," as an encore. And Jean Folsom dramatically gave her version of "Flying the Mail." Special mention should be given the children who took parts in several difficult dialogues. Enthusiastically lead by Jean Folsom they are respectfully: Clara Ruth Hoskins, Alvey Smith, Albert Hoskins, Ben Thompson, Dorris Williams, Ruth Thompson, and Donald and George Williams. The acting of these children was outstanding individually and in group performance.

The closing poem, "Christmas Emblems," was given by the above mentioned group and the entire caste sang "Holly Night." The gifts were then presented to the children and fruit and nuts distributed to the visitors. And while everyone sat and enjoyed the "goodies" Donald Bean played a solo on his harmonica. Miss Nellie Sullivan rendered an organ number and sang a humorous Christmas song. Miss Graham and Miss Bowes were untiring in giving request songs and Mrs. O'Connor is to be congratulated for a very entertaining afternoon.

ANDREW GOERING BORNE TO REST

The funeral of Andrew Goering, who died Tuesday afternoon, was held at the Little Church funeral home Thursday afternoon with W. E. Jefford and Son in charge. Death came suddenly to Andrew Goering in the living room of his home. His son, Elwell, came home about three o'clock Tuesday afternoon and found his father lying beside a chair. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1861 and came to California in his early manhood.

Andrew Goering is survived by the following sons and daughters: Elwell Goering, of Nevada City; Henry Goering, of Stockton; Mrs. Dorris Warne, of Nevada City; Miss Verda Goering, of Grass Valley; Mrs. Reva Barton, of Stockton and also eight grandchildren.

Miss Evelyn O'Connor, who teaches in the Roseville schools, is spending her Christmas holidays in Nevada City with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. O'Connor.

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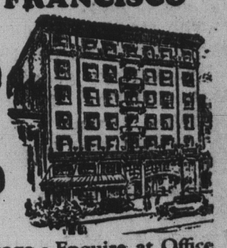

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Basic factors behind the increase in buying power which has swelled retail sales volume in California so materially this year are set forth in the December issue of the Bank of America Business Review.

Agriculture, the primary major industry of the state, has made a showing so far this year that it is responsible to a great extent for California's gain in purchasing power.

The bank's business publication reports that November was the 7th consecutive month in 1934 in which the level of California farm prices has shown an increase over the corresponding periods of both 1933 and 1932. Every month of 1934 showed an increase over the like month of 1933.

Industrial concerns of the state reported a 3½ per cent increase in number of workers employed during the month, and a further increase in purchasing power was indicated by the report that the payrolls of these concerns jumped 10 per cent, a percentage gain in purchasing power of almost three times the gain in number employed.

The uptrend in ability to buy was reflected in statistical reports on retail sales volume throughout the state. Retail stores recorded an 18½ per cent gain for November over the like month last year. With retailers predicting the heaviest Christmas trade for some years, the the increase in sales volume for the first 11 months of 1934 was 9.1 per cent ahead of the like 1933 period.

The percentage gain in sales of retail stores was exceeded by the upward move in the volume of the retail passenger automobile market in California, which was 18.8 per cent ahead of last year at the end of October, with 110,350 passenger cars sold for the year to date. Commercial car sales were even further ahead of last year, 18,658 of such vehicles having been sold by the end of October for a gain of 51.1 per cent.

Building permit figures of the Far West for November 1933 were distorted by the 2,521,000 permits for government projects in San Francisco, and consequently a drop of 23.8 per cent was shown for November of this year, in comparison with the corresponding total. Normal building, a more accurate measure of individual purchasing power, went ahead this last November by a margin of 30 per cent.

Bank of America's preliminary index of Far Western business for November stood at 61.3, a gain of 1.3 per cent over October.

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NEVADA CITY A AND B TEAMS DEFEATED

Coach Beverly Barron's A and B divisions of the basketball squad came back from Grass Valley last Friday night much the worse for a tangle with the Grass Valley A and B boys. The score: A game—Grass Valley 40, Nevada City 7; B game, Grass Valley 22, Nevada City 10.

These results were attributed to the size and speed of the boys from the Valley, and to their more organized teamwork, combined with more accurate passing and shooting than the Nevada City boys were able to show. The B team, on which the Yellow Jackets had pinned most of their hopes, was handicapped by the absence of Max Santinelli, who was unable to play.

The starting line-up of the A team: forwards, Cecil Schiffner and Lloyd Haddy; guards, Mervin Doolittle and Don Jones; center, Fan Robbins. Franklin Tuttle, Albert Pratti, and Dick Marriott were substitutes.

The score at the end of the half was 18 to 5 in favor of Grass Valley. In the third quarter, Coach Bill Wilson, of Grass Valley, sent in a second string of A squad of Miners.

Coach Barron's starters for the B game were: forwards, Ray Wilde and Harold Lopez; center, Arthur Elliott; and guards, Curtis Clark and Ray Steger. Boll Molthen and Walt Hallett were substitutes. The half score was: Grass Valley 12, Nevada City 3, and at the final gun, 22-10 in favor of Grass Valley.

A happy spirit prevailed at the North Star-Empire Mines Co., Ltd., composed of the mines in Grass Valley, Nevada City and Bear Valley, as each employee shared in the 10 per man Christmas present which was distributed Saturday

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Banner Mt. Post Celebrates Christmas

Banner Mt. Post, V. F. W., and Auxiliary, enjoyed their annual Christmas party Saturday evening. A beautifully decorated tree carried gifts, candy and aranges, which were distributed by a real Santa Claus much to the delight of all.

The following took part in the well rendered program: Marjorie Deal, Bob Shaughnessy, William Hoskins, Frank Edward King, Faydeen White, Betty Jane and Vincent Lewis, Joanne Lee, Juanita Williams, Leroy Lewis, Joyce Deal, Patsy King, Fay Williams, George Figurski, Bill Tobiassen, Jackie Hoskin, Bonny White, Dave Tobiassen, Jackie Deal, Marilyn Gene Lee, Donald Hoskins, Yvonne Gates, Elton Tobiassen, Leila Shaughnessy.

Mrs. C. E. Bosworth, accomplished musician, accompanied the different selections on the piano.

Yuletide Cheers at Charonnat Place

The Old Charannat ranch has once more taken on the color of old time hospitality since it has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Noordhoek, of San Francisco. On Thursday evening, December 20, it was the scene of a happy Yuletide party with Wayne Russell and Edward Hodges as hosts. Cards, dancing and a weenie roast furnished the gaiety of the evening. Those enjoying the holiday hospitality were: Bertha Kelly, Bill Sharp, Eva Beidleman, Shirley Poling, Raymond Dent, Evelyn Hauschild, Howard Poling and Mrs. Wm. Noordhoek.

SENIOR CLASS IN XMAS PROGRAM

The Senior class at the high school gave the Freshmen, and incidentally, the rest of the student body and faculty and a goodly number of grads home from college, a Christmas program at the high school study hall Friday afternoon. The program followed a pep rally City-Grass Valley basketball game given in anticipation of the Nevada held Friday night.

The first number on the program was an introductory speech by Harley Leete, president of the Senior class, and next was an excellent saxophone solo by Franklin Tuttle—Melody in F. Tuttle was accompanied by Coach Barron. The third event on the Christmas celebration was a play—"Between the Trains," with Kenneth Younkin, and Edna Eicher acting the two parts. The play was directed and produced by Miss Esther Tremaine. Cecil Schiffner sang "Noel," accompanied on the piano by Coach Barron. The fifth number on the program was a song, in French by the French class. The last event was the arrival of Santa Claus. Santa Claus read letters from several groups of Freshmen and commented that the younger generation was becoming increasingly cynical, and irresponsible. Franklin Tuttle impersonated Santa Claus.

GEORGE ARLISS AND JOE E. BROWN TO PLAY AT NEVADA THEATER

From a man seeking to make millions to a man seeking to give millions away. That is the latest screen transition made by George Arliss.

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"The Last Gentleman" is further at variance from the preceding film in that it takes the star from the field of drama into that of comedy. Mr. Arliss has several times before proved his versatility by stepping from one medium to another and considers it one of the reasons for his continued popularity.

Joe E. Brown will be the feature attraction at the Nevada Theater on Wednesday and Thursday.

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An exceptionally talented cast of players have the important roles in support of Joe. Maxine Doyle has the leading feminine role.

Funnyman Frank McHugh plays the role of Joe's pal and racing teammate while Gordon Westcott is the "city slicker," who tries to steal Joe's girl.

There will be a matinee Thursday at 2:15.

Plain, broken and cream Christmas mixes at Colley's Confectionery.

Personal

Among the University of California students who are spending the holiday vacation with their parents in Nevada City are: Beth Curnow and Margaret and Ruth Rector, Beryle Godfrey, Helen Chapman, and Bill Jeffrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schiffner, of San Francisco, have arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Schiffner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto E. Schiffner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eilerman, Jr., and son, of San Carlos, arrived Saturday evening to spend Christmas with Mr. Eilerman's father, Fred Eilerman, Sr., and other members of the family.

Mrs. Mary Campbell, of Nevada City, will have as guests for Christmas her son, Warren Campbell of Alleghany, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deacon, of Grass Valley.

Miss Gertrude Marriott, nurse in St. Mary's hospital in San Francisco, is spending in Nevada City a part of the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Marriott and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Morrison and group of friends from Arbuckle, spent Sunday in Nevada City with Mrs. Morrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Carter.

Luther Marsh, commander of the Legion post, attended the banquet given in the Palace hotel in San Francisco, in honor of the home coming of National Commander Frank L. Belgrano.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. N. Ott, have prepared for a family gathering on Christmas Day and expect to have the following guests: E. J. N. Ott. III, wife and son, Mr. and Mrs. Yoerk, all of Sacramento; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grenfeld and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parsons, of Grass Valley; and Mr. and Mrs. C. Mahoney, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hoge, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hoge, Jr.

Mr. George Osterman and wife, of Los Angeles, arrived in Nevada City Sunday to spend Christmas with Mr. Osterman's mother, Mrs. George Scarfe.

Mr. and Mrs. James Young will have the following daughters and their families from out of town as holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Glover and children, of Oaklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cook, and Miss Marie Young, of Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Tamblyn and daughters, Gertrude and Margaret, of Rio Vista, will spend Christmas with Mr. Tamblyn's sister, Mrs. N. Robins and brother, Colin Tamblyn.

Constable and Mrs. Thomas Oliver will have as Christmas guests, two of their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bolton and son and daughter, of Nevada City, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sinnock and son, of Colfax.

Mrs. Walter Butz is quite ill at her home in Nevada City.

Mrs. J. D. Regan, of San Francisco, came up a few days ago to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schmidt. Mrs. Regan's husband will join her today to spend Christmas here. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bandeman, of San Francisco, will also spend Christmas at the Ed Schmidt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Robinson arrived home Sunday from a honeymoon spent in Oregon.

Carl Murchie, who is attending the College of the Pacific, Stockton, is spending the holidays in Nevada City with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Murchie.

William Lackland, of North San Juan, was a business visitor in Nevada City today.

Gilbert Davis, teacher in the Angels Camp schools, is spending the holidays in the Blue Tent section with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Trevethick and children, of North Sacramento, spent Sunday with Mr. Trevethick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Trevethick, in Nevada City.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deeble, of San Francisco, are spending Christmas in Nevada City with Mrs. Deeble's sister, Mrs. Madge Schwartz.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Champie and daughter, left for Phoenix, Arizona, where they will spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, of Oakland, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Mary Guenther, and sisters and brothers.

Miss Adelaide Coan, teacher in the Sacramento high schools, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coan, on the Downieville highway, above Nevada City.

Mr. and M.rs. C. A. Hall and children will motor to Fresno to spend Christmas and enjoy a family reunion, returning home the following day.

Delbert Schiffner, of Sacramento Junior College, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rundy and son, of Lincoln, are to spend Christmas with Mr. Rundy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rundy, in Nevada City.

There are several changes noted in the S. Lee Leiter display windows a number of beautiful articles being added for last minute shoppers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leiter and niece, Miss Evelyn Bailey, are preparing to spend Christmas in the bay region with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grady, of Pittsburgh, motored up Sunday and are spending the week end and Christmas with Mr. Grady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Robins.

Robert White, son of Mr. and Mrs. George White, who suffered a broken leg at the Zelbright mine about January 2 of this year and who has been at the Jones Memorial hospital almost ever since receiving treatment, has had the cast taken off his leg. It is thought it will not be long until he returns to his home in Nevada City. When he was injured, he was brought out over snow in a sleigh for some distance, until the ambulance was reached.

Miss Florence Meservey, of Oakland arrived in Nevada City Sunday and is spending Christmas and the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Meservey at Town Talk.

Little Ainsley Fouyer has been ill with a touch of pneumonia.

Mr. I. L. Putnam and two children, of Yuba City were Nevada City visitors Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Shebley and son, Jack, are to spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hussey near Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McClusky, of Alleghany, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hieronimous of this city over the holidays.

Relatives of Mrs. R. J. Ronchi, formerly Miss Frieda Hieronimous, of this city, dropped in to visit her at her home in Folsom.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Davies and son left Sunday for San Francisco to spend Chritmas. The day will be particularly happy as it will be the first time Mrs. Davies' father has been able to be home on that occasion in twenty years.

Mrs. George Downey is preparing for a family reunion and expects the following: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sherwood, Miss Margaret Smittcamp, Earl Smittcamp, all of Kerman; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beatty of Sanger; Miss Retha Downey, of Smartsville, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Wilson and daughter, of Grass Valley; Allan and Halstead Downey.

Christmas Candy in bulk at Colley's Confectionery.

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FOR RENT—2 room furnished apartment, upstairs, corner of Main and Court streets, Nevada City, Phone 192.

TIME NEARS TO GET NEW PLATES

First on the new year's order of business for California motorists will be renewal of registration and securing new license plates for 1935. The renewal period opens Wednesday morning, January 2. Car owners whose registration certificates do not show a clearance of personal property tax payment stamped on the back will be unable to secure their 1935 plates.

The tax clearance stamp, being a new requirement, apparently is being overlooked by thousands of motorists. Evidence points to widespread failure of car owners to present certificates to assessors for the tax clearance stamp.

Without the proper tax clearance on the certificate, there can be no issuance of license plates. No receipt or other evidence of tax payment can be accepted in place of the correctly stamped certificate.

Where the certificate has been lost or too badly damaged for use, the certificate of ownership must be presented in connection with application for a duplicate, for which the state fee is fifty cents. The application must be stamped for tax clearance before the duplicate registration certificate can be issued.

When there is a change of legal owner, both the ownership and registration certificates must be presented, together with a state fee of $1 in addition to the $3 renewal fee.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR HOSPITAL INMATES

Past Presidents of the Native Daughters made their annual visit to the county hospital on Friday. They brought gifts and sweets, and fruit to the inmates. Each woman was presented with a pretty apron made by a native daughter. A program that brough Christmas memories of other days was rendered and greatly enjoyed by all. The program follows:

Star of the East, by William Perry, accompanied by Lorraine Kimball.

Solo, Toy Maker's Dream, Mrs. Irene Eldridge, accompanied by Louise Wales.

Community singing.

Accordeon solo, Betty George.

Solo, Silent Night, William Perry, accompanied by Antha Locklin.

Song, America.

Superintendent Rodda and Mrs. O'Conner, matron of the hospital, heartily thanked those who gave this Christmas treat.

The turkey dinner will be completed with a delicious fruit cake and plum pudding.

Mrs. Kittie Kimball left Saturday for a week's visit with relatives and friends in San Francisco. While away she will secure plans for landscaping the garden around her home on West Broad street.

Mrs. Annie Godfrey will have as Chritmas guests her daughters and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Doescher and Mr. and Mrs. Trussel Manley, all of Sacramento.

Stuart Leete, of San Francisco, arrived Saturday from San Francisco to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Leete and sons.

Elmer Tibbetts, of Grass Valley, who has been at the county hospital with a case of pneumonia, is recovering. He is under Dr. A. H. Tickell's care.

M. T. Taylor, of Oakland, who has been a night nurse at the county hospital for some time, has had a serious case of pneumonia. Dr. A. H. Tickell states he is now recovered from the illness.

Mrs. Arthur Brown and baby, of Bakersfield, are spending the holidays in Nevada City with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Murchie. Mrs. Brown's mother-in-law, of Bakersfield, will come up for Christmas also. Mrs. Arthur Brown's husband, a geologist, in in Jubail, Arabia, with the Standard Oil Company. He has been there a year and has two more years to stay. Mrs. Brown and baby plan to leave this spring to join him.

Candy Canes at Colley's Confectionery.

It will pay you to see our unusual assortment of holiday merchandise.

Toilet Sets, Perfumes, Leather Goods, Lamps, Men's Sets, Cameras, Stationery, Art Goods, Toys etc. Christmas Cards and Wrappings

R. E. HARRIS

SAVE with SAFETY at The Rexall DRUG STORE

Nevada Theatre

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

LAST GENTLEMAN — George Arliss in the role of an eccentric millionaire who is seeking a worthy heir for his money. Edna May Oliver and Ralph Morgan are in the supporting cast.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

6-DAY BIKE RIDER — Joe E. Brown's latest laugh riot, is a continual laugh from start to finish. Joe and his bike partner, Frank McHugh, are much better comedians than cyclists. Maxine Doyle is the pretty heroine. Matinee Thursday at 2:15.

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